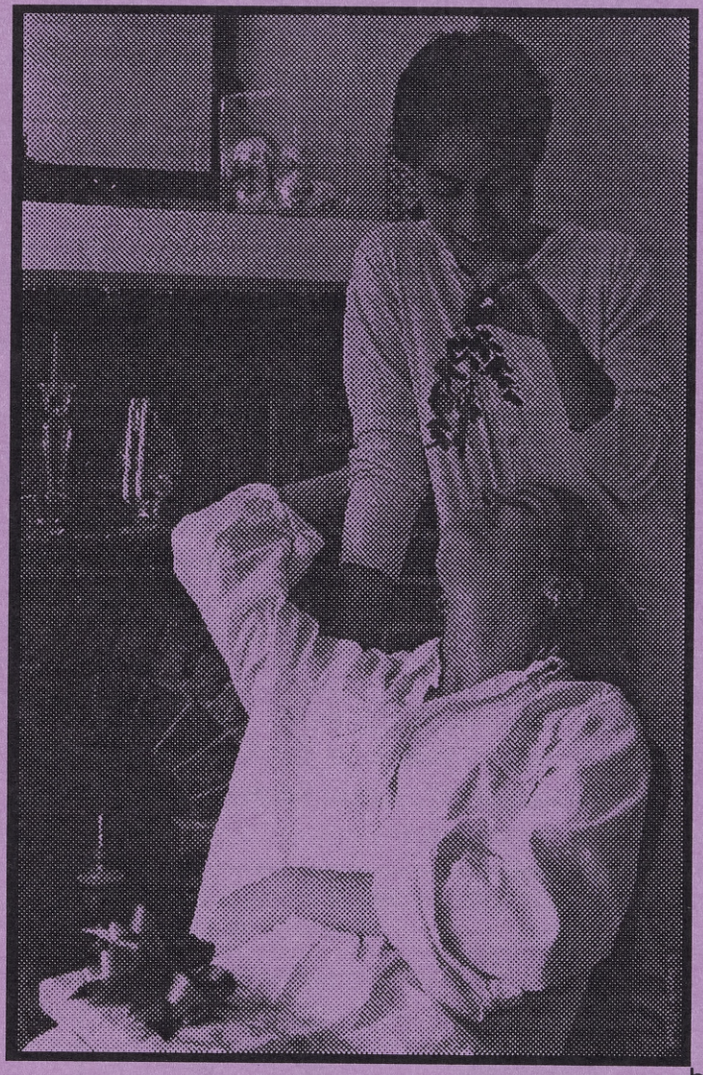
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POT LUCK BY ZIP CODE

MEET YOUR SACWN NEIGHBORS

You are invited to join with other SACWNites on ***Saturday, November 18*** *for a pot luck dinner.*

To participate, choose a location (probably the area closest to where you live), call the hostess or hostesses, and RSVP. Ask what you should bring. Certainly a dish to share, but also, maybe, drinks, folding chair, place setting. Each potluck will take on the flair of the hosts, so be sure to inquire. Ask if alcohol is okay before you bring it.

The potlucks are SACWN events, so only women over 21 may attend. (Sorry, for confidentiality reasons, no children may be present.) Guests are invited, as they would be to SACWN functions. However, the majority of participants should be SACWN subscribers. No newspaper advertising has been purchased.

The potluck will be held on Saturday, November 18th, and will start any time after 4:00 p.m. Don't forget to volunteer and help clean up. See page 8 for more details.

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FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

It was so close, it was scary. We work to have the cost of events covered by the ticket sales. Plus we try to make a little extra to cover those events that lose money.

On the afternoon of the Halloween Dance, we knew that we had not sold enough tickets to cover the cost of the room rental and the band. There were 66 ticket presold which gave us an income of $863 for the event. We had fixed expenses of $1416 for the band, rental of the hall and advertising. Do we spend money for decorations? How much? Do we buy snacks for the dancers to munch on?

We wanted the facility to be warm and inviting when folks arrived. There were a number of phone calls to the office inquiring about tickets at the door. It was our only hope to cover costs. If people came to the event and paid the higher price for tickets, certainly they expected to see decorations and have some snacks to enjoy. So we took a chance. Off to Wishing Well for paper bags to become luminaries on the table and plastic for table covers, napkins, paper plates, and cups for coffee. That added $53.26 to the expenses.

A stop at Smart and Final for the pretzels, chips, popcorn and candy added up to $40.29. A friend with a balloon business (who always gives SACWN a deal on decorations) said sure, she'd deliver two bouquets for the stage. The final total on expenses came to $1,542. Would enough people pay at the door to cover the costs?

We decorated and it did look nice. The munchies filled the bowls and we waited. Finally you trickled in. The costumes were great, the band was terrific as usual and everyone seemed to have a good time. Forty people paid at the door. We sold $1543 in tickets and made a profit of $1.

It is just too close for comfort. The expenses listed above do not include the cost of the time spent advertising, organizing and agonizing about the dance. If this continues, SACWN can't.

Please tell us what you want. Tell us if there is still a place in your lives for SACWN. Please return the survey. Let us know what will bring you to the events.

SACWN STEERING COMMITTEE

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SACWN ADVERTISING RATES

Type	Member	Non-Mem
Business Card 3 1/4 x 1 3/4	$25	$37
Two-column ad 4 1/2 x 2 3/4	$40	$60
Quarter page 3 1/2 x 4 1/2	$50	$75
Half page 7 1/8 x 4 1/2 or 3 1/2 x 9 1/2	$90	$135
Full page 7 1/2 x 9 1/2	$160	$240
Classified ads (per word)	.40	.60

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS -OCTOBER

SINGLE CONNECTION

Join us for a day trip to Nevada City to enjoy the fall foilage and gift shops on Saturday, **November 11**. Phone **Kate at 455-8278** for time and car pool info.

A Sacramento river walk to enjoy fall colors will take place on **Sunday November 12 at 10:30 a.m.** Phone **Pat at 444-2866** for parking info and other details.

You are invited to set aside **Friday Nov. 17th at 7:30 p.m.** for dessert at a Sacramento coffee spot. Phone **Eileen at 422-8180** for locations and reservations.

Kate invites singles and interested others for weeknight walks in McKinley Park. **Phone 455-8278** for the trice weekly schedule. **Lyndee at 344-5447** is the Single Connection contact person for bicycling. Save **December 16** for joining together with the Couples and Top Ten SIGs for a white elephant holiday gift exchange at 3 p.m. Call **Lesha and Cinder at 676-0641** for details. For general Single Connection information, phone **Misty at 489-8144.**

TOP TEN

Get ready for a leisurely combination brunch/meeting along side the river at Rio City Cafe, 1110 Front Street on **Sunday, November 12**. Call **Dee at 443-2377** by Friday November 10th to reserve. Don't forget **Saturday, November 18** is the Zip Code Pot Luck. Set aside Saturday afternoon, **December 16th** for a while elephant holiday gift exchange and pot luck with the Singles and Couples SIGs at Cinder and Lesha's. Call **Dee 443-2377** for more details.

COUPLES GROUP

Get that outrageous gift your Uncle Harry sent you. Wrap it nicely and bring it to the Holiday White Elephant Gift Exchange and Pot luck on **December 16** at 3 p.m. For information, call **Lesha and Cinder at 676-0641.**

RAINBOW CAMPERS

In hibernation! For general information, call **Casey at 366-7362**.

MOMS AND KIDS

Sacramento group is meeting on November 18th at 1 p.m. and will continue to meet on the **third Saturday of each month**. For indoor location, call **Paula at 725-9094,** (days) or **Kim 364-8653** for info.

BRIDGE GROUP

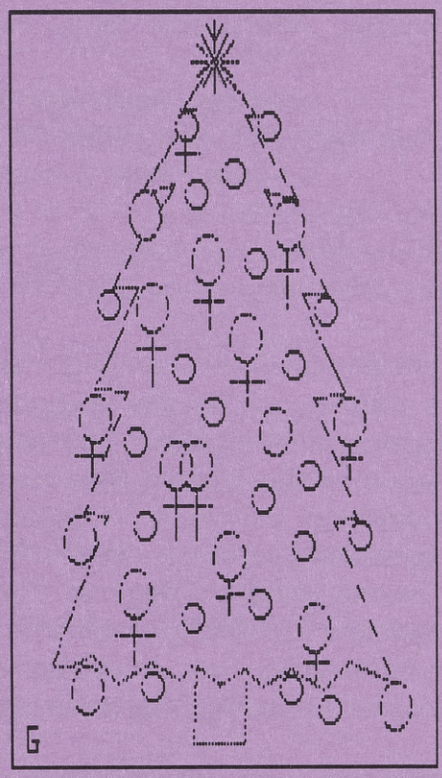
Interested in playing bridge? We meet every other Sunday. Call **Lenora** after 6 p.m. for more information at **444-0102.**

MOVIE LOVER'S GROUP

Matinee movie? Interested in attending a great film on Saturday or Sunday afternoon? Give **Suzann** a call at **452-9619** for the movie lovers group.

CYBER SIG

We were seven cyberlezzies on the internet. We talked to a dyke called Slippers from Louisville. Can you imagine? We sent e-mail and an e-postcard! We surfed the net and you can too. Interested in learning about the Internet? Join us on **Saturday, December 16th, 10:00 a.m.** to 11:30 a.m. for our next exploration. All levels of experience welcome. Call **Anna at 739-6366** or send e-mail to afong@csus.edu or anna@water.ca.gov. We are cool cyberlezzies!



WILDLIFE, BIRDWATCHING AND PHOTOGRAPHY HIKES

Join these exploring women with cameras. Call **Linda at 921-9052.**

CULTURE CLUB

Call **Ann at 927-6038** for time, details and to make reservations.

WOMEN AND FINANCE

Want to get together with other women to talk about how to survive in this economy, how to make better decisions and plan for a more worry free future? Will meet and talk, read books on the subject and just kvetch. Call **Ann** for details at **927-6038.**

SACWN CALENDAR - 1995

Saturday, November 18, 1995
Pot Luck By Zip Code

Ever wonder who the SACWN members are in your neighborhood? Well, here's the time to find out. See page **8** for all the details.

Saturday, December 9, 1995
The SACWN Snow White Champagne Ball
Lincoln Plaza, Sacramento

You are invited to join us at the 19th Annual Snow White Champagne Ball, produced for the first time this year by SACWN.

The Snow White Champagne Ball has become a tradition of holiday elegance and fun for lesbians in the greater Sacramento area. The atrium of the Lincoln Plaza is decorated with poinsettia and trees. A harpist will greet and serenade you as you arrive. The live music of Second Wind will begin at nine and play past midnight. Champagne will be served along with light hor d'oeuvres. A cash bar will be available. Formal or semi-formal attire is requested.

This is the evening of pampered elegance that you deserve. A ticket order form is included on the inside back cover of this newsletter.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Every Friday Night - Country Western Dance at the Central United Methodist Church, 5265 H Street. Co-ed gay and lesbian. Lessons 7:30 to 8:00, Dance 'til 10. $2 donation.

Through November 11 -Vampire Lesbians of Sodom and Sleeping Beauty of Coma. Friday and Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m. Plays performed by the Lambda Players at Sierra II Studio Theater. Two funny plays that will delight you.

November 17 - The Last Reading of Charlotte Cushman Sierra 2 Community Center. 8 p.m. A drama about an American actress of the 19th century. Charlotte Cushman reflects on her beginnings in the theater and shares intimately about the pain, humor and romance of her colorful life as a butch lesbian. Tickets available at Lioness Books.

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We are concerned. Participation by our subscribers in SACWN events over the past year has decreased significantly. While our total membership numbers are somewhat stable, we want to better understand what you would like from SACWN. Please complete this survey and return it to the SACWN office. Thanks.

SACWN's Purpose:

Why do you belong to SACWN? _____

_____

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Please rate the importance of the services of SACWN from your perspective:

Monthly Events	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
Newsletter	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
Special Interest Groups	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
Membership Directory	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
Info on Lesbian Owned Businesses	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not important

What do you see as the mission of SACWN? _____

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SACWN Activities:

How important are each of the following factors in your decision to participate in SACWN activities:

Performer	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
Business Networking	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
Socializing	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
Location	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
Ticket Price	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
Topic/Theme	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
Personal Support of SACWN	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not important

Other: _____

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Do you think SACWN events are affordably priced? __Yes __No

Comment: _____

What types of programs at SACWN events would you/do you attend: (Mark Yes or No)

__ Dances	__ Theater/Plays	__ Campout/weekend
__ Authors/Speakers	__ Travel/trips	__ Sit down dinners
__ Comedians	__ Golf Tournament	__ Financial Info
__ Lesbian/Feminist/Cultural	__ Singers/Concert	__ Health Info
__ Lesbian Focused Films	__ Personal/Professional Development Topics	

Comments/Suggestions for future programs: _____

_____

How often do you attend SACWN monthly programs?

__ Every Month __ Every other month __ Dances only __SIGs Only
__ When the program appeals to me __ Seldom __ Never

What would make you attend programs more often? _____

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How often should SACWN programs be produced? __ Monthly __ Every other month
__ Quarterly Other Suggestions: _____

Would you participate in more structured networking activities prior to the programs?
(exercises, games etc.) Yes No Maybe If: _____

Suggestions: _____

What do you like about the SACWN newsletter? _____

How could the newsletter be improved? _____

Have you attended a Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting? ____ How often: _____

About You:

How long have you been a SACWN member? _____
What is the highest level of your education? _____
How young/old are you? _____
What is your household income? _____
How long have you identified yourself as a lesbian? _____

Please return to SACWN, 3031 F Street, Suite 201, Sacramento, CA 95816 by December 1, 1995. Thanks!

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SUCCESSFUL SACWNITE

Barbara Brass began life in Fresno, California. "I was a breech baby, coming into life backwards, and I seem to have done things non-traditionally ever since." Barbara's family moved to San Jose when she was six months old and she grew up in Santa Clara.

"I just didn't want to be doing what everyone expected," says Barb. "I started my own ceramic business while I was in high school." Barb placed her products in gift shops and craft shows. "Ceramic mushrooms were my big item at first. They actually paid for my college degree at UC Berkeley. After college I started a line of *California Love Bears*. They were cute little bears with messages like 'I love you beary much.' I'd make them out of clay, fire and paint them, sometimes glazing them. I continued making hundreds of bears a month for 15 years. I was in control of my life, working when I wanted to. It has always suited me to make my own schedule."

Barb earned a degree in psychology and planned to continue studying to be a psychologist. But she had a yearning to learn about the world outside of the safe cocoon in which she was raised. "I wanted to meet different people and experience different cultures." She travelled to Europe three times and worked as a teacher in a child care program. She modelled for art classes and worked a while for the Office of Education in Santa Clara. In 1984, after a trip across country, she moved to Sacramento to open a sandwich shop, City Picnics, with her sister.

"I wasn't interested in the food business especially, but it was the challenge of managing a business that peaked my interest. The business, tucked into a small space on the K Street Mall between 12 and 13th Streets, endured the renovation of the mall, the construction of the Hyatt Regency Hotel and the building of the 1201 K Street high-rise. We sold it after seven years."

Barb also came out in her early years in Sacramento. "I now realize it was a gradual process that occurred over many years. I met Pat at a meeting of Classic Older Women and fell in love. We've been together for 11 years."



Barb, always fascinated with building design and problem solving began working part-time in construction with Steve Neville in 1986. "I found my true work love in creating efficient and comfortable environments. When I met Pat, she had a huge old Victorian house built in 1906. She encouraged me to change whatever I wanted. I began with a bathroom. After apprenticing for 4 years, I got a general contractor's license in May, 1992. I do all kinds of work, often subcontracting with others. My referrals come from friends and currently, I'm focused on finishing our home."

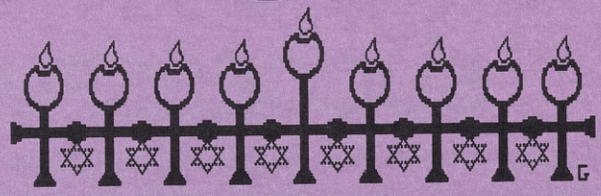
Barb and Pat love to travel, visit with friends, go antiquing and cross country skiing. They share their life with cats, Silver and Roho and a new puppy dachshund, Pretzel. Barb is also close to her parents and sisters. "I have a very loving and caring family. I was raised in a home that included my grandfather, my mother's dad. He made such a positive contribution to my childhood. I credit him with teaching me discipline and giving me a unique perspective on life. I treasure the history and respect for life experience that he contributed to my to who I am."

What is success to Barb? "To me it is the ability to achieve the delicate balance of self fulfillment in the areas of emotional, mental, physical and spiritual development while carrying on a healthy and productive life."

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Pot Luck by Zip Code

Let's try this new idea!



To participate in the November events, choose a location (probably the area closest to where you live), call the hostess or hostesses, and RSVP. Ask what you should bring. Each potluck will take on the flair of the hosts, so be sure to inquire.

Here are our hosts:

95603 Beryl 823-2057
Auburn

95616 Linda & Penny 759-9547
Davis and West

95640 Janet 209-274-2229
Also 95685, 95601, 95642, 95669 (Ione)

95658 Donna 885-9416
Newcastle

95682 Lesha & Cinder 676-0641
Cameron Park, Placerville area and east

95678 Barb & Pat 786-8376
Roseville - No Smoking House

95816 Robin 443-4340
Downtown

95818 Joan 441-6421
Land Park

95820 Suzann 452-9619
South & East in Sacramento

95825 Lu 646-1918
Fair Oaks

95833 Ann 927-6038
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If there is not a potluck in your area, please choose another area. If you don't know what is close to you, check page 35 of the telephone yellow pages.

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The winners of the SACWN Gay Ninties Halloween Costume Contest included Romeo and Juliet for the 1790's, the Lesbian Witches of the 2090's, a suffragette from the 1890's and Shrink and Shrunk from the 1990's. As you can see, a good time was had by all!

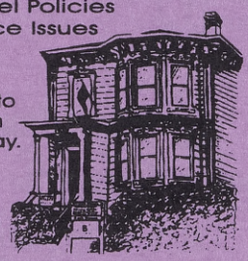
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SACWN Says..

Pam Walton who brought us a preview of her film, Family Values, wrote to say that $793 had been donated at the September SACWN event toward the completion of the film. She promised to include SACWN in the credits!

Pam has been approached by Point of View, a producer of public education television. Family Values is being considered for their Extreme Close-up series of video diaries. The film (if completed in time) would be shown on public television about July of 1996. Tax deductible donations may be made to Pam's work through the Film Arts Foundation, % Pam Walton, P. O. Box 391025, Mountain View, CA 94039.

More about Films..

SACWN will be accepting entries for the Third Annual Lesbian Film Festival in April. Spread the word to your filmmaker friends and have them call for an info packet (451-8034).

Fun,,,

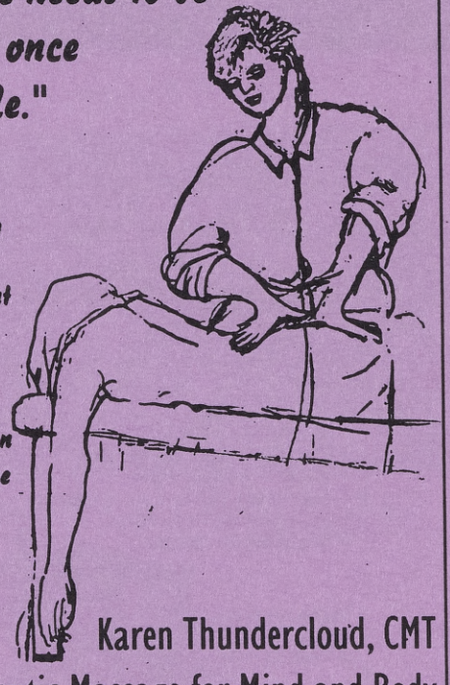
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December 9, 1995
Lincoln Plaza
From 8 p.m.

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☐ Check is enclosed (payable to SACWN) for $ __ @ $40 each for ___ women:

☐ Charge my credit card for ____ tickets.

Credit card # _____

Exp Date: __ Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

(A 5% handling fee will be added to the price. Your bill will show purchase to Outsourcing Management Group. No refunds on credit card purchases.)

☐ A self addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed to return the tickets.

☐ Hold the tickets at the door.

Tickets purchased after December 6, 1995 and at the door will be $50 each. First 300 tickets sold insures reservation. No refunds after Dec 1, 1995.

Mail order to: **SACWN**
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Tickets made be purchased at the SACWN office by pre-arrangement. Please call 451-8034.

This event is open to women over 21 only.

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May you enjoy the support and love of "family" over the coming holidays!